

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

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A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Michael Edwards to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for the creation of the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Haslam recently appointed Michael Edwards of Knoxville to serve a term on the State Board of Education that will expire on March 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Knoxville Chamber and of the Development Corporation of Knox County. He has served with the Knoxville Chamber since April of 2002 and assumed the roles of President and CEO in September of that year; and

WHEREAS, Michael Edwards dedicates his time, energy, and leadership in service to a number of boards and committees, including the Education Committee of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Tennessee Business Roundtable Board of Directors and Executive Committee, the Board of Directors of the Public School Forum of East Tennessee, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Development Corporation Board, the University of Tennessee Cherokee Farms Technology Park Advisory Board, and the Board of Trustees for the Great Schools Partnership; and

WHEREAS, a Ford Foundation Fellow, Mr. Edwards regularly speaks at state and national business organizations about improving education for the purpose of continued economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, a former retail developer, Michael Edwards served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Public Building Authority of Knox County and the City of Knoxville for seventeen years prior to his joining the Chamber; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards's professional experience is a tremendous asset to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that all members appointed to the State Board of Education by the Governor shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and House of Representatives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby confirm the appointment of Michael Edwards of Knoxville to a term on the State Board of Education, such term to expire on March 31, 2016.